

30 Days Trial In your Home*

Our enthusiasm concerning The FREE Sewing Machine is so great that we are absolutely certain that if you once have it in your own home you will never think of owning any other—that if you once find out the convenience of its scores of 20th Century improvements then the time for you to think of possessing any sewing machine but



The FREE

will have gone forever. For that reason we propose that you try The Free for 30 days. We want you to keep it in your home—to sew on it—to test it in any way you choose—to compare it with any sewing machine you know of and then make your decision. Unless you are fully satisfied—more than satisfied—and send it back to us—it will not cost you a cent—we will refund all you have paid on it.

We know that such an actual test for 30 days will show you that all other sewing machines are thirty years behind the times, ugly and full of out of date imperfections. Side by side with its beautiful French Leg design, the old style machine will look like a relic of the Revolutionary War.

To make it still easier for you to find all this out, we will sell you The FREE on your own terms and on payments as low as

\$1.00 A Week

The price of the machine we do not dare to publish because it is so low that you would think we exaggerated when we tell you in the same breath that it is the Lightest Running Sewing Machine in the world, The Most Perfect Stitching Machine in the World, The Fastest Sewing Machine in the World, The Most durable Sewing Machine in the World, The Most Beautiful Sewing Machine in the World.

—That it has all the good points ever known to sewing machines, that it has eliminated all the bad points and that it has a score of special improvements besides.

In order to learn of the remarkably low price, we want you to come to the store and first allow us to show you its many points of superiority.

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and take it home for a trial

What Would Make a Finer Christmas Present?

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YOUTH AND AGE

There never was aught that troubled us
In the days when we were young,
We were light of foot and light of heart,
And gay was each tripping tongue,
But we've reached the years when the step is slow,
And the years when the shadows fall,
And the vesper song is heard in the tree,
And we list to the night wind's call.

Yet even now there is joy so deep,
In the hearts that have not grown old,
We would not change it 'neath whitened hair,
For the wealth of the summer's gold
We have had our treasure, we hold it fast,
And none can take it away;
We are wardens of memory, love and trust,
And the past is our wealth today.

The dear ones gone to the home above
Are ours as when they trod
Loyal and loving beside us here,
On the paths of the hills of God.
The words they said, and the touch of their hands,
And their smiles, are with us yet;
We can never be robbed of our past delight,
For our souls can never forget.

Sweet is the thrill of the hermit thrush,
As he chants his evening tune,
And sweet in our souls is the evening hush,
In the light of the silver moon.
Ah, there's nobody old while life is sweet,
And hope looks over the bar
To the coming day when 'twill be complete
In the land where the dear ones are!

—Everywhere.

SANTA CLAUS AT SEA.

Gifts on Christmas Trees For Passengers on Ocean Liners.

Don't imagine that just because a person is at sea when Christmas arrives he gets no Yuletide cheer. Christmas on one of the big ocean liners is observed religiously, which is to say that the day is fully appreciated by both officers and passengers.

"The man who spends his life on board a big passenger ship sees about as many different kinds of Christmases as anybody, I guess," said the captain of one of the great transatlantic steamships as he sat in his cabin the other day preparing for a holiday voyage to the Mediterranean. "Some Christmas days I have spent on the north Atlantic, others while in the China trade and still others in the south Pacific and the Mediterranean."

"The fact is that I have spent only one Christmas day at home since I was married—and I haven't been a bachelor for a good many years. Now we sail from New York very soon and will touch at Gibraltar, Genoa and other ports, and before we reach here again Christmas will have been passed."

"When your ship is running on a voyage to the Mediterranean, with a crowd of jolly passengers aboard who are off on a trip to enjoy themselves, Christmas is a day to be remembered. Friends and relatives send gifts on ahead, so that they may be handed to passengers at the right time, and of course this personal remembrance from home makes more enjoyable the

celebration which is always prepared on board the ship itself.

"The 24th of December passes about as do other days until dinner time arrives, and then the chefs and stewards outdo themselves in providing an elaborate menu and in table decorations. If the weather is fine, and it is likely to be, the passengers are in high spirits, for the Christmas feeling is infectious, no matter where you go.

"Toward the end of the dinner speeches are made, songs are rendered, stories are told and toasts are given, and when this is completed all go to the main saloon, and the Christmas tree is revealed, standing there in the middle under the big skylight. It is a big tree, too—just as big as can be obtained and put in place—and on it are hung gifts from the ship for every passenger, not costly at all, but remembrances that are likely to be long preserved as souvenirs of a pleasant occasion.

"Then, if the sea is not high, the candles are lighted, and the tree bursts into beautiful illumination.

"After a distribution of gifts from

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THE MISTLETOE BOUGH

By THOMAS HAYNES BAYLY



BEHELD HIS BEAUTIFUL CHILD.

THE mistletoe hung in the castle hall,
The holly branch shone on the old oak wall,
And the baron's retainers were blithe and gay
And keeping their Christmas holiday.
The baron beheld with a father's pride
His beautiful child, young Lovell's bride,
While she with her bright eyes seemed to be
The star of the goodly company.



"HERE TARRY A MOMENT—I'LL HIDE, I'LL HIDE!"
"I'm weary of dancing now," she cried,
"Here tarry a moment—I'll hide, I'll hide!
And, Lovell, be sure thou'rt first to trace
The clew to my secret lurking place."
Away she ran, and her friends began
Each tower to search and each nook to scan,
And young Lovell cried: "Oh, where dost thou hide?
I'm lonesome without thee, my own dear bride."



"SEE! THE OLD MAN WEEPS FOR HIS FAIRY BRIDE."
They sought her that night, and they sought her next day,
And they sought her in vain when a week passed away.
In the highest, the lowest, the loneliest spot
Young Lovell sought wildly, but found her not.
And years flew by, and their grief at last
Was told as a sorrowful tale long past.
And when Lovell appeared the children cried:
"See! The old man weeps for his fairy bride."



THE BRIDE LAY CLASPED IN HER LIVING TOMB!
At length an oak chest that had long lain hid
Was found in the castle. They railed the lid,
And a skeleton form lay moldering there
In the bridal wreath of that lady fair.
Oh, sad was her fate! In sportive jest
She hid from her lord in the old oak chest,
It closed with a spring, and, dreadful doom,
The bride lay clasped in her living tomb!

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